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Next Meeting: Wednesday, 24th 2009 **Please Note.**

We have been invited to visit the Coalfields Art Gallery in Wonthaggi, where artist Janice Orchard will speak to us on the Mosaics located at the Inverloch Clocktower Precinct. We will meet at the RSL car park at 1.40 p.m. to arrange travelling in our own cars and invite others to come with us. The Gallery address is 140 McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi (Tel, 5672 4004). **This is in lieu of the normal meeting.** We hope you will be able to attend. **Remember – 1.50 p.m. we leave to go up there.**

“**Tales from the Inlet**”: Details were provided in last month’s Newsletter regarding further performances on July 25th and 26th. More information will be available on the Notice Board in the Arcade.

Acquisitions: The Parliament of Victoria and Parliament House. Prepared by W. Kennedy: Shells of the Inverloch Area. Donated by Phyll Hipworth. Thank you Phyll: The Great Southern Star. Special Centenary Edition. August 14th 1990. Donated by Myrtle Beecroft, thank you Myrtle: Notice of Auction. The “Esplanade” Hotel 1 A’Beckett St. Inverloch. 31st August 1983 at 3 p.m. Donor unknown: “Blood Sweat and Tears” by Margaret Geddes. Acquired.

Excursion: Continuing the account of the excursion to the Leongatha area held on Wednesday 22nd April. First, two corrections from the previous issue. The Methodist Church is situated **beside** the site where Stradbroke Hospital used to be; and in **1893** a Labour Colony was established on 800 acres to train the unemployed.

Eulalie Brewster took over the role of informing us of sites of note as we travelled to Lyrebird Hill Winery for lunch. Eulalie passed photographs to members, to emphasise the points of interest we were seeing. James T Knox, a Civil Engineer was instrumental in the design and building of many concrete roads and bridges, and the concrete grandstand at the MCG. He and family members owned two bluestone quarries in the area. James had Rockhill Farm built, it was designed on an American Style dairy. The bricks used were made of crushed rock. The buildings are still most impressive today. During the Second World War dances were held there. The Koonwarra Store opened in 1910 and was owned by the Bacon family, it was also a Coffee House. Pound Creek was named as such because George Black impounded cattle near there. In 1886, it took two and a half days to travel from Koonwarra to Inverloch.

At Lyre Bird Hill winery we saw grapes carted in and crushed, then a short talk and tour of the winery before we enjoyed the lunches we had brought, seated at the tables under the large umbrellas set on the adjoining lawn. On the road back to Inverloch we had Lyre Bird Mound House, and the early Lyre Bird Mound Church site pointed out, other places of interest for future tours as well as a little history of Pound Creek and Mahers Landing. Back to Inverloch before 3.00 p.m. where Nancye thanked Ross, our bus driver, Ruth who organised the trip, and Eulalie who helped with the history.

Memories of schooldays evoked a number of interesting stories. **Helen Jones** recalled her primary schooldays during the Polio Epidemic when the schools were closed and children had to stay at home and have lessons brought to them. **Eulalie Brewster’s** first day at school wasn’t at all happy, she was very tearful, however by lunch time when her mother came to collect her she brightened up. She showed us her school lunch box and case. As we have run out of space the remaining five memories of schooldays will be included in next month’s newsletter.

Vale: Last month we were saddened to hear of the passing of our member Clyde Grabham, Our sympathy was extended to his wife Shirley and the family. Our Sympathy was also sent to John and June McLean and their family on the passing of their daughter, Wendy. A sad loss from among family groups.

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